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### **Library to Screen Documentary "The Brooklyn Connection" on July 18** *Film Shows How Businessman Smuggled Arms from U.S. to Kosovo*

**SAN DIEGO** –The City of San Diego Public Library will host a screening of the POV documentary film "The Brooklyn Connection" on Monday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The event is free.

It's common knowledge that buying weapons in the United States is surprisingly easy. But what about outfitting a foreign guerilla army? Meet Florin Krasniqi, one of the driving forces behind Kosovo's fight for independence. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he runs a successful roofing company. But he is leading a double life. "The Brooklyn Connection," based on material from Stacy Sullivan's book, "Be Not Afraid, For You Have Sons in America," shows the terrifying ease with which this charming businessman raised \$30 million during the Kosovo War, purchased weapons across the USA, and shipped them legally to Albania to be smuggled into Kosovo. The war ended in 1999, but Krasniqi warns that there could be another struggle — with arms provided by this Brooklyn roofer.

"The Brooklyn Connection" is a revealing investigation into the hypocrisy behind America's peace mission. While on the surface this country acts as a mediator, the conflict is covertly sustained because large quantities of money and arms are received from the same America.

After the screening a discussion will be facilitated. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

*\*Since 1988 POV has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. A national PBS premiere of this documentary is slated for July 12 at 10 p.m. Check local listings.*

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